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ZEN And the art of graffiti

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Nathan Szemberd, known as ZEN, entertains the crowd yesterday with his skills during the Style In Progress event in a Queen Street West alley. The live graffiti event was held to raise awareness about the unsolved murders of Chad Wynter in 2001 and Karim Rashid Ata-Ayi in 2007, brothers of legal graffiti artist Sacha Morrison, a.k.a. Kalmplex.

Police run into wall of silence

Witnesses won't talk following east-end shooting

Detectives investigating the near-fatal shooting of a young man in a "densely populated" east Toronto neighbourhood say they met with apathy, and even hostility, when they tried to interview witnesses.

Such reactions are a growing problem for police, said Det. Shawn Mahoney, the lead investigator of the Saturday evening shooting on Mornelle Court in northeastern Toronto.

"Unfortunately, we're hearing city wide the same thing coming through ... I don't know if it's on the rise, but we're seeing more of it," Mahoney said yesterday.

Toronto's latest victim of gun violence was shot multiple times on Mornelle Court, near Morningside Avenue and Ellesmere Road, an area plagued by gang-related activity, Mahoney said.

"There were lots of people in front of the building and no one would co-operate. Unless something happens, this is going nowhere fast."
Det. Shawn Mahoney

Hospital employees were working to stabilize the 22-year-old man, who was in critical condition yesterday.

Police estimate there are up to 150 potential witnesses to the shooting.

Upon arrival, police found between 35 and 40 people standing at the shooting site. Some witnesses were overtly hostile and verbally assaulted officers investigating the scene.

"There were lots of people in front of the building, and no one would co-operate," said Mahoney. Without witness statements, police cannot solve the crime.

"Unless something happens, this is going nowhere fast."

Police have not identified any suspects or recovered a weapon. All they know is the victim's name, information that is not being released to protect the man, said Mahoney. He said he did not believe releasing the name would prompt witnesses to come forward. "They were all aware of who he is."

Witness testimony "means everything" in removing guns, and the people who use them, from Toronto's streets and ending what he called the "summer of violence."

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Three sent to hospital after crash into pit

'PEDAL MISAPPLICATION' An elderly couple and a 16-month-old baby were sent to hospital yesterday after a car crash in a muddy construction pit.

In an incident police call a "pedal misapplication," the couple, in their 80s, was leaving a church on Olive Avenue, near Yonge Street and Finch Avenue East, just after 10 a.m., when the gas was pressed instead of the brake by mistake.

The car was driven through a fence protecting a condo construction site and went over the edge, driving about 4.5 metres down.

All three passengers, including the baby strapped down in a car seat in the back, had to be removed by police. The couple and baby were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

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Man drowns after drifting into deep water
A 20-year-old Toronto man drowned Saturday afternoon at Wasaga Beach after jumping out of a dinghy that was blown out into deep water in the swimming area at the beach, about 140 kilometres north of Toronto. The man reportedly could not swim. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Local

Fruit industry in tender state

Conservative MP Tim Hudak hopes the province will aid the tender fruit industry in the Niagara region after the CanGro fruit cannery closed last June, reportedly affecting roughly 150 local growers. Since 2005, two other facilities in Niagara vital to growers for processing the tender fruit, which includes grapes, peaches, cherries and pears, have also vanished. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Generous residents' garden in bloom

SUMMERHILL Estelle Craig can now stand on the balcony and finally see them: The flowers blooming, slowly, the garden coming to life again in David Balfour Park.

Craig, an octogenarian who has lived in the Summerhill neighbourhood for 40-odd years, planted the seeds herself by donating $50,000 to help make the garden possible.

"I don't have a loads of money, but I wanted to have the lovely garden for all of us," said Craig, referring to all the Summerhill community.

Yesterday, Craig, along with other Summerhill residents, officially opened that "lovely garden," once a deserted, empty space amidst the lush green park.

After waiting for the city to do something about the increasingly shabby park, the residents took matters into their own hands.

Kate Wilson, 67, who lives in the same apartment building as Craig, took the lead. She discussed the issue with former councillor Ila Bossons and other residents, and they presented their vision to their councillor, Kyle Rae, in early 2003.

After "much time and some arm wrestling," the city decided to contribute $90,000 under section 37 of the planning permit.

However, the estimated cost of the park was $165,000.

Wilson was telling Craig about the plan when Craig said, "What's the hold-up? Let's get our garden!" She wrote them a cheque for $50,000. And all residents then pitched in so they could see the garden come to life TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

From shab to fab

The park had served the community well as a playground since the 1960s. However, when the playground was moved to a shady spot nearby in the late 1990s, the park was abandoned. It slowly decayed, becoming a fenced-in site of weeds and litter.

RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Musicians Marcel Aucoin and Michael Louis Johnson perform on Bathurst Street during the fifth annual Streets Are For Picnics held by Streets Are For People. A section of Markham Street was also closed for the annual Mirvish Village's car-free Pedestrian Sunday.

Pedestrians reclaim streets for a picnic

The older woman looked suspicious at Shamez Amlani's packed-to-the-brim rickshaw. Then, more suspicious, she looked at Shamez Amlani.

"The revolution should be hilarious."
Shamez Amlani on his anti-car group's outlandish tactics

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"I'm going to a picnic," Amlani said.

"You're kidding."

"We're having a picnic on Bathurst Street."

"You're kidding."

No. And he had to be going. He was late, and his rickshaw held most of the picnic's essentials: A Hibachi grill and Hula Hoops, lanterns and a wooden table, ping-pong paddles and badminton racquets.

On Bathurst, just south of Follis Avenue, in a southbound lane blocked off for construction, Amlani and his small group of anti-car activists called Streets Are For People turned the street into a picnic site.

Meanwhile, Markham Street was closed from Bloor Street to Lennox Street for Mirvish Village's second car-free Pedestrian Sunday of the summer.

Yesterday, children drew on Markham Street with chalk. David Mirvish recounted the history of the village. Singer Jadea Kelly performed. The street's storeowners sold handicrafts and clothes outside.

And on Bathurst, less than a kilometre away, Amlani, 38, and a small band of co-conspirators did what they do.

Their goal — "reclaiming" public space for people — is serious. Their tactics are deliberately outlandish.

They have held annual Streets Are For Picnics events since 2004. For their first, they pushed an upright piano onto College Street streetcar tracks, then played by candlelight.

"The revolution," Amlani said, "should be hilarious."

At the intersection of Bathurst and Follis, 16-year-old Eva Moon — "That's my artist name, what I go by" — twirled a Hula Hoop. As drivers heading north gawked, event organizer Michael Louis Johnson, 39, played a trumpet and sang. Beside him, Marcel Aucoin, 38, played an ancient wooden pedal organ. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New citizens greeted with ministry's bad spelling

TYPO Ian Moo-Young thought he was being a good brand-new citizen when he tried to tell his MPP and Diane Finley about two misspellings in his welcome-to-Canada papers.

It's been nearly a month and he hasn't got through.

Moo-Young, an award-winning animator and TV film director, put on his best suit for his June 17 swearing-in ceremony at Scarborough Town Centre.

In the fourth paragraph of the message from Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Diane Finley tucked in a small keepsake folder it read: "Our success is routed in our devotion to out founding values, freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law."

"I thought it would be quite easy to ring someone and mention it. Who knows how many of these have gone out?"

Repeated calls to the Citizenship and Immigration number in the telephone book never got through and a call to his MPP, Gerry Phillips, never got returned. Immigration spokesman Karen Shadd said, "It will be corrected immediately." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

2 police cruisers hit by vehicles

INJURIES Three Toronto police officers have escaped serious injuries over the weekend in two separate incidents where a driver slammed into their cruisers.

On Sunday, an officer was sitting in his car around 3 a.m. when the cruiser was sideswiped by a vehicle, which then came to a stop.

Witnesses say several people jumped out of the car and ran away.

The officer suffered minor injuries.

The other incident happened Saturday morning while a police cruiser was on the scene of a fatal crash and was rear-ended, injuring two officers slightly.

A 47-year-old man faces charges of impaired and dangerous driving. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Collision

Charges in crash that injured child

BURLINGTON A man has been charged in connection with an accident in Burlington that saw a car with a child inside flip over several times.

Police say witnesses saw the car on the Queen Elizabeth Way speeding and swerving from lane to lane when it lost control. The driver and his seven-year-old passenger are in hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Pasquale Memmola, 46, of Hamilton faces a string of charges, including impaired driving, refusing to provide breath samples and dangerous driving. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

STRUCK Three people are in hospital after being struck by a vehicle in Tillsonburg Saturday. Police say an 85-year-old woman was reversing out of driveway when she got stuck on the garage door. A 70-year-old neighbour approached to help, when the vehicle became dislodged and struck him. Police say the vehicle crossed the street and hit a man, 84, and a woman, 74. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hotel workers move into strike position

Unions at three hotels, including the Fairmont Royal York, have moved into strike positions. Eighty-one per cent of the 850 workers at the Royal York voted to strike as early as July 16, the date their contract expires, if negotiations fail. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Licence deadline looms

It has been nine years since Patrick Shand was wrestled to the ground by security guards at an east Toronto grocery store, handcuffed and kept face-down on the ground where he died, unbeknownst to his captors, of asphyxiation.

Four years ago, a coroner's inquest into Shand's death recommended all in-house security guards and bouncers in Ontario be licensed and receive mandatory training in areas such as first aid, CPR and use of force.

Responding to the inquest jury's 22 recommendations, Queen's Park passed the Private Security and Investigative Services Act in 2005. It went into effect last August, setting an Aug. 23, 2008, deadline for 22,000 previously unlicensed security guards and bouncers to get licensed.

With the deadline just more than a month away, the ministry of community safety and correctional services has yet to implement a full training program as part of the licensing and that's left those in the industry to question the government's handling of the law.

"(The licence) is a great idea, but the way that they're going about it is just costing us a lot of money and making them a lot of money in the process," said Dave Francois, 37, owner of French Connection Security.

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News in brief

WEST NILE Toronto Public Health officials have confirmed that a mosquito found in the Toronto area was infected with the West Nile virus. The infected mosquito is the second found in the province this summer. Most West Nile infections do not cause any symptoms.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

INVESTIGATION Ontario Provincial Police have determined that alcohol and speed were "definite factors" in a crash that killed three young men in Muskoka on July 3. Cory Mintz, 20, Tyler Mulcahy, 20, and Kourosh Totonchian, 19, died after the car they were driving in burst through a guardrail and struck a tree before ending up on its side in the Joseph River. An autopsy confirmed that all three drowned.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRANSIT An estimated $10-million budget shortfall caused by rising fuel prices won't affect the cost of riding the GO Transit or curtail its train schedules, transit officials said Friday. The cost of operating GO's fleet of 38 trains and 343 buses has ballooned in recent months as the price of diesel fuel doubled. At the same time, however, rising pump prices encouraged more people to park their cars and take GO instead.

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New generation of high-tech detectors

Canadian scientists are returning to a remote Arctic island where Cold Warriors once eavesdropped on Russian submarines to test a new generation of high-tech detectors intended to watch over the increasingly busy northern waters Canada claims for its own. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

"We've had hordes of them over the last few weeks."

Philip Curry, a provincial government entomologist, speaking on an increase in mosquitoes this season.

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Experts across the country say there has been a recent surge in the mosquito population, thanks to large amounts of rain a few weeks ago and a delayed start to the season.

New chief offers optimism

Natynczyk's assessment out of sync with Afghan allies

The new head of Canada's military has completed a five-day visit to Afghanistan and offered a uniquely cheerful assessment of the security situation that contrasts sharply with the grim data.

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Gen. Walter Natynczyk, left, Canada's new chief of defence staff, addresses soldiers at a forward operating base during his first visit with Canadian troops in Kandahar province in Afghanistan.

The upbeat prognosis from Canada's new chief of defence staff that the violence is holding steady in Kandahar province this year flies in the face of independent analysis documenting a 77 per cent surge in Taliban attacks.

That increased violence was underscored yesterday in a pair of devastating insurgent strikes.

Nine U.S. soldiers were reported killed as militants launched a fiery assault on a remote outpost.

Twenty-four Afghans died in a separate suicide blast on a police checkpoint in the province next to Kandahar.

The comparatively sunny estimation from Gen. Walter Natynczyk after his tour of Afghanistan was also at odds with the increasingly bleak portrait being painted by Canada's allies.

The Pentagon has cited a 40 per cent increase in insurgent attacks in eastern areas of Afghanistan where U.S. forces operate, and notes that it is now losing more soldiers here than in Iraq.

Britain's defence secretary calls Afghanistan a generational struggle that will require a foreign troop presence for many years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories crack down on 'fake' immigrant marriages

INVESTIGATION More than 45,000 new immigrants enter the country each year as spouses of Canadian citizens.

But an increased focus on marriages of convenience has sparked a government crackdown on bogus nuptials.

In May, it was reported the Conservative government was deploying five-person teams abroad to investigate how fake couples were scamming the immigration system. The changes are "basic," according to the government, but immigration lawyers say genuine couples are being rejected accidently. THE CANADIAN PRESS

45,000

The number of spouses who enter Canada as new immigrants every year.

News in brief

CADMAN LAWSUIT A former FBI scientist hired by Stephen Harper's lawyer in the Cadman lawsuit against the Liberal party has contradicted two other experts who said audio tape evidence was doctored, court documents reveal.

STEVE FOSSETT A Calgary man will embark today on a five-day search for Steve Fossett, the American multi-millionaire who vanished during a plane ride over the Nevada desert last September. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Number of native cops declining sharply
The number of aboriginal police officers patrolling Canada's First Nations communities is plummeting, a new survey suggests. Just 55 per cent of officers serving native communities are aboriginal, down from 77 per cent in a similar survey in 1996. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Refugee supporters concerned

IMMIGRATION As paralyzed refugee claimant Laibar Singh marked one year in sanctuary yesterday, his supporters were concerned about visits by Canada Border Services agents to the Vancouver Sikh temple where he has sought protection.

Spokeswoman Harsha Walia said the unannounced visits are making the tradition of religious sanctuary meaningless.

"The fact that they're entering into sanctuary without notice and without consent is of concern," Walia said. "Immigration authorities have typically respected sanctuary because that's the intention of that tradition, but for them even to come for any purpose is a concern."

Canada Border Services could not be reached. Singh came to Canada on a false passport in 2003. His appeals to stay in Canada on humanitarian grounds have been complicated by the fact he was left a quadriplegic by an aneurysm three years ago.

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Justice group wants to make more wrongs right

Organization considers expanding beyond murder convictions

Partly because of the effectiveness of DNA evidence, the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted could broaden its mandate.

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Anthony Hanemaayer, right, walks outside court in Toronto on June 25 with his parents Peter and Wilma Hanemaayer.

After years of combatting miscarriages of justice involving high-profile murder convictions, the organization behind Steven Truscott's acquittal and multimillion-dollar compensation award is considering widening its mandate beyond homicide.

With a successful test case under its belt — the exoneration of Anthony Hanemaayer, who was jailed for an assault Paul Bernardo has confessed to — the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted (AIDWYC) is looking to non-murder cases.

The effectiveness of DNA evidence in clearing people of wrongful murder convictions is at least partly behind the expanded focus, said Paul Copeland, co-president of AIDWYC.

"There's less coming in," Copeland said of the murder cases which used to pour into AIDWYC's offices. "We've been discussing broadening the criteria to take on other non-death cases."

Last week, Truscott was awarded $6.5 million following a 2007 Ontario Court of Appeal decision that found he was the victim of a miscarriage of justice. It was the culmination of a decade-long battle by AIDWYC to clear Truscott's name of the 1959 killing of 12-year-old Lynne Harper.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nova Scotia gets $867M from Ottawa

ROBIN YOUNG
Metro Canada

FINANCE It was a good day for Nova Scotians yesterday.

Rumours about an estimated $850 million in Crown-share adjustment payments to the province were confirmed — and then some.

Premier Rodney MacDonald and Nova Scotia MP Peter MacKay announced the long-awaited Crown-share panel results on the Halifax waterfront to cheers from the crowd of about 150. MacKay said the value of the payments will be even more than expected: $867 million.

"This is a historic day for the people of Nova Scotia," MacDonald said.

He told the crowd that 92 per cent of the money will go toward the province's $12.4 billion debt, while the remainder will be invested in trust accounts funding university infrastructure, protected lands and offshore research projects.

The province will initially receive $234.4 million for past payments up to March 31, 2008. The three-person Crown-share panel also recommended the province receive an additional $633 million over the next 15 years.

"This is what's known in Nova Scotia as a large day," said MacKay.

News in brief

POLITICS Phil Fontaine plans to seek an unprecedented fourth term as Canada's top native politician. It's his second consecutive stint as head of the national Assembly of First Nations, which he also led between 1997 and 2000. Sources say Fontaine hopes to renew his three-year term next summer.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

FARMING For most people, going on vacation means asking the neighbour across the street to keep an eye on the place. But it's not that easy for farmers. A farm-sitting service links landowners with people willing to help, whether it's to allow farmers vacation time or to provide coverage during an illness or injury.

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Driver charged in death of Windsor woman

An impaired driving charge has been laid in the case of a Windsor woman who was killed after she was hit while riding her bike by a pickup truck Saturday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

World

"To fire upon a soccer game ... is another example of the barbaric nature of the insurgents."

Maj. Peggy Kageleiry, a U.S. military spokeswoman, said in a statement.

Soccer attack

Gunmen attacked a soccer game north of Baghdad yesterday, killing a policeman and a Sunni Muslim allied with the U.S. against al Qaeda, the U.S. military said.

WMD-free zone planed for Mideast

DECLARATION More than 40 countries have agreed to try to create a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East.

A final declaration from a summit to launch a union of Mediterranean countries says members will "pursue a mutually and effectively verifiable Middle East Zone free of weapons of mass destruction."

The statement says that includes nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as their delivery systems. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

RELIGION The first openly gay U.S. Episcopal bishop was barred from a once-a-decade Anglican meeting so he wouldn't become a focus of the global event. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Close to peace: Israel PM

Olmert, Abbas say both sides are 'serious' about talks

Embattled Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert declared yesterday that Israel and the Palestinians have never been closer to making peace, even as a widening corruption probe brings him closer than ever to being ousted from office.

MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Israeli soldier, right, caught in tear gas fired by a member of his unit, reacts yesterday during a protest by Palestinians and international peace activists against Israel's separation barrier in the West Bank village of Nilin.

To help build confidence between the two sides, Olmert agreed in a one-on-one meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to release an unspecified number of Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails, an Israeli official said.

Abbas, who met with Olmert at the French presidential palace ahead of a summit of European, Middle Eastern and African leaders, also sounded a positive note about the troubled peace talks, saying both sides were "serious and want to achieve peace."

The two men met with French President Nicolas Sarkozy before sitting down together one-on-one.

"We have never been as close to a possible (peace) agreement as we are today," Olmert told reporters before the three leaders entered their meeting.

Repeated rounds of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks since a peace conference in Annapolis, Md., last year have produced little change on the ground.

Israel has continued its contentious construction of homes on lands the Palestinians want for a future state, and has done little to scale back a network of roadblocks in the West Bank that hinder Palestinian movement and have severely handicapped prospects for the Palestinian economy.

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Prisoner swap

Israel's government says a planned prisoner swap with Hezbollah will take place on Wednesday. The Israeli prison service says it will return five imprisoned Lebanese fighters in exchange for two Israeli soldiers captured by Hezbollah two years ago.

Mudslide forces dozens to flee

CALIFORNIA A huge mudslide has forced nearly a dozen people from their homes in the California town of Independence on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada.

Cal Fire spokeswoman Janet Upton said severe thunderstorms Saturday set off the mudslide 300 metres wide and up to a metre deep.

The mud oozed across California Highway 395 and authorities said they evacuated a few people who were trapped in their homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN A multi-pronged militant assault on a small, remote U.S. base killed nine American soldiers and wounded 15 yesterday in the deadliest attack on U.S. forces in Afghanistan in three years, officials said.

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Convicted rapist found dead Turkey's state-run news agency says a man convicted of raping and murdering an 11-year-old German girl has been found dead in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama waves yesterday as he leaves a hotel after a fundraiser in San Diego, Calif.

U.S. in recession: Obama

Presidential candidate calls for stimulus package

Barack Obama says there is "little doubt" the U.S. economy has moved into a recession.

The Democratic presidential candidate spoke to reporters Saturday on a campaign flight from Chicago to California.

He's calling for a second economic stimulus package along with a long-term energy policy and action to shore up the housing market.

On Iraq, Obama says a U.S. troop pullout won't be, in his words, "perfectly neat," but he says it's justified by calls from Iraq's own leaders for a timetable for getting U.S. troops out of their country.

Obama also says he will be accompanied on his upcoming trip to Iraq and Afghanistan by fellow senators Jack Reed of Rhode Island and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska.

Obama also says he's still negotiating with German officials about a proposed speech at Berlin's historic Brandenberg Gate.

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Tension

No talks between North, South Korea

DIVIDED North Korea yesterday rejected a proposal to resume stalled reconciliation talks with South Korea, while Seoul denounced the communist regime for the shooting death of a tourist that heightened tension between the divided nations.

The snub was another sign of strained relations between the Koreas, which intensified after a North Korean soldier fatally shot at a South Korean tourist Friday at a northern mountain resort.

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News in brief

JAPAN Thousands of Japanese rallied against the permanent basing of a nuclear-powered U.S. warship near Tokyo, saying a recent onboard fire made it unsafe.

SEXUAL ASSAULT Britain's defence ministry says it's investigating the alleged sexual assault of a 14-year-old Iraqi boy by British soldiers.

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Pope hopes to help sexual abuse victims

Pope Benedict arrived in Australia yesterday on a pilgrimage he says he wants to use to raise awareness about global warming and address the crisis of clergy sexual abuse.

Benedict's plane landed in the northern city of Darwin after a more than 20-hour flight from the Vatican.

His plane was making a brief refuelling stop before flying on to Sydney, where he will lead celebrations at the World Youth Day festival.

Benedict, 81, will spend three days resting at a retreat in Sydney before taking part in the festival, including a vigil service with thousands of young people and an outdoor Mass.

Benedict said he also would address the problem of sexual abuse by Roman Catholic clergy.

At the start of a U.S. pilgrimage earlier this year, Benedict had said he was "deeply ashamed" of the abuse scandal and pledged to work to make sure pedophiles don't become priests.

Benedict said that during his 10-day visit to Australia he would work for "healing and reconciliation with the victims" of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy there "just as I did in the United States."

Clergy abuse support groups in Australia have demanded that Benedict apologize during his visit for the abuse they suffered.

The exact number of victims of clergy abuse in Australia is not known, though activists say it is in the thousands.

Benedict acknowledged that the Church in the West was "in crisis" but insisted it was not in decline. "I am an optimist" about its future, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigation

Australia's senior Roman Catholic leader, Cardinal George Pell, has been accused of badly handling a sexual abuse claim and this week agreed to reopen investigations into the 25-year-old case.

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Ontario hardest hit as full-time jobs tumble

Friday's much-dreaded jobs report was even worse than forecast, with the country losing 39,200 full-time jobs, partially offset by creation of 34,200 part-time jobs. Six provinces had losses, including 45,500 jobs that disappeared in Ontario. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

New top boss at BCE

After toiling for years as the heir apparent, George Cope ascended to the throne of BCE Inc. on Friday armed with a 100-day "game-changing" plan to slash costs, spend billions and improve customer service at Canada's largest telecom company. He refused to say if Bell will invest in developing a GSM wireless network. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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News in brief

GAS Miami-based MyGallons, created last month to give drivers a chance to pre-buy gasoline at a fixed rate, is "in preliminary talks" to take it worldwide to six countries — including Canada, says Steve Verona, founder of the company. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bombardier picks plant

Mirabel to build CSeries jet

As the world's airlines cope with record jet fuel prices, Bombardier Inc. launched a new fuel-efficient CSeries regional jet yesterday, saying the "greenest aircraft in its class" will be manufactured at its Mirabel plant north of Montreal.

The Montreal-based company announced its long-awaited launch in London, at the Farnborough Air Show, which starts today.

The company said German airline Lufthansa has signed a letter of interest for up to 60 aircraft, at a price of $46.7 million US each — a deal worth more than $2.8 billion.

The long-range CSeries aircraft are slated for delivery in 2013 and would target global airlines that want to buy 100- to 149-passenger aircraft, a market now dominated by the world's two biggest commercial aviation companies, Chicago-based Boeing Co. and Europe's Airbus Industries. A key attraction to potential customers is the fact the jet is about 20 per cent more fuel efficient than its rivals.

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Yahoo spurns Microsoft

TAKEOVER Yahoo Inc. has rejected Microsoft's latest attempt to buy its online search operations in a "take or leave it" proposal that Yahoo said would have dismantled its Internet franchise. Microsoft packaged its latest offer with activist investor Carl Icahn, who is seeking to overthrow Yahoo's board of directors in a shareholder meeting scheduled for Aug. 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apple's iPhone comes to Canada

LINEUPS Apple's new iPhone was launched across the country Friday after a publicity buildup more suited to a mega-popular video game, but the lineups weren't quite on the same scale.

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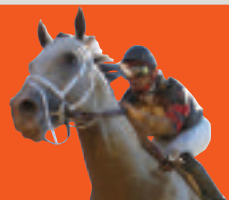
NHL
The Tampa Bay Lightning signed star centre Vincent Lecavalier to an 11-year deal yesterday that will kick in for the 2009-10 season. A source told The Canadian Press the deal was worth $85 million US. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports



Harlem Rocker wins Wales

Eibar Coa and Harlem Rocker, left, squashed Not Bourbon's Canadian Triple Crown aspirations yesterday. Harlem Rocker tracked the leaders before surging into first in the far turn, then held off East End Tap for an 1 1/2-length win in the $500,000 Prince of Wales Stakes, the second jewel of Canadian thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown, at Fort Erie Racetrack.

Morneau joins homer derby field

MLB Canadian Minnesota Twins slugger Justin Morneau was selected for the All-Star Home Run Derby, completing the eight-man field for tonight's contest at Yankee Stadium.

Morneau

The New Westminster, B.C., native joins Tampa Bay rookie Evan Longoria, Texas' Josh Hamilton and Cleveland's Grady Sizemore from the American League.

The NL derby lineup has Houston's Lance Berkman, Milwaukee's Ryan Braun, Florida's Dan Uggla and Philadelphia's Chase Utley.

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Sports in brief

MLB Carlos Marmol became the eighth Cubs player on the NL all-star team when he was selected yesterday to replace injured Chicago teammate Kerry Wood. Marmol was picked because he was the relief pitcher with the highest vote on the player ballot. He is the only pitcher in the game who isn't a starter or a closer.

GOLF Kenny Perry beat Brad Adamonis and Jay Williamson in a playoff to win the John Deere Classic yesterday and earn his third victory in five starts.

CYCLING Italy's Riccardo Ricco won the ninth stage of the Tour de France yesterday, and Kim Kirchen of Luxembourg retained the overall lead.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Burnett fires gem for Jays

Inconsistent starter simply stellar on just three days rest

BLUE JAYS 4 YANKEES 1

The Blue Jays' decision to start A.J. Burnett on just three days rest heading into the all-star break paid off yesterday.

It might pay even bigger dividends before the non-waiver trade deadline on July 31.

The inconsistent Blue Jays right-hander, who is bound to be mentioned in countless trade rumours, led the team to its fifth win on a six-game homestand with 8 1/3 innings of one-run ball as Toronto beat the New York Yankees 4-1 before a crowd of 43,854 at the Rogers Centre.

"(The scouts) can come all they want," said Burnett, who didn't exactly impress in his previous start when he almost allowed the Baltimore Orioles to come back from an 8-1 deficit in an eventual 9-8 win for the Jays on Wednesday.

"If they want to come watch, I try to put on a show for everybody, whether it's scouts or fans or my own teammates. Like I said before, I'm wearing a Blue Jay on my chest and on my hat until I'm told otherwise."

With the Blue Jays 8 1/2 games back of the Tampa Bay Rays for the wild card spot, they would be wise to explore all trade options for Burnett, who can opt out of the final two years of his $55-million US, five-year contract at the end of the season.

A strong start, featuring eight strikeouts and just one walk against a marquee team like the Yanks should keep the rumour mill active.

While he has had his ups and downs like the rest of his team, Burnett (10-8) matched his record from his previous two seasons with the Blue Jays with the win yesterday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Blue Jays starter A.J. Burnett gets a standing ovation as he leaves the game with one out in the ninth inning against the New York Yankees yesterday at Rogers Centre.

Fans hold rally to pressure for Favre's return

NFL Brett Favre's fans came to his defence yesterday, rallying outside Lambeau Field to pressure the Green Bay Packers to reinstate him as the starting quarterback.

The crowd of more than 100 chanted, "We want Brett," and carried signs reading, "Favre for President" or "Favre Forever."

Favre

Many in the parking lot wore No. 4 jerseys, tossed footballs and grilled.

"We've always appreciated the passion of our fans," the Packers said in a statement. Team spokesman Jeff Blumb said there would be no other comment.

Favre retired March 6 after 16 seasons with the team. He changed his mind and asked for his release because it appeared the Packers were not receptive to having him play again.

On Saturday, general manager Ted Thompson and coach Mike McCarthy said they didn't plan to grant Favre's request. And if Favre did rejoin the team, it would be as a backup to Aaron Rodgers.

Another rally is planned for tonight in suburban Milwaukee and every Sunday thereafter at Lambeau Field until Favre is back.

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MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto 4 N.Y. Yankees 1
Boston 2 Baltimore 1
Cleveland 5 Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 4 Minnesota 2
L.A. Angels 4 Oakland 3
Seattle 4 Kansas City 3
Texas 12 Chicago White Sox 11

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 12 San Diego 3
Houston 5 Washington 0
L.A. Dodgers 9 Florida 1
Milwaukee 3 Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia 6 Arizona 3
San Francisco 4 Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 11 Pittsburgh 6
Colorado at N.Y. Mets

TONIGHT
All-Star Home Run Derby, 8

TOMORROW'S GAME
All-Star Game (at New York)
National League vs. American League, 8

WEDNESDAY
No games scheduled

CFL

WEEK 3

SATURDAY'S RESULT
Saskatchewan 33 Hamilton 28

FRIDAY'S RESULT
B.C. 42 Winnipeg 24

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Calgary 23 Montreal 19
Edmonton 47 Toronto 28

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Lotto Super 7 — 10, 17, 22, 26, 28, 46 & 47. Bonus 3.
Pick-3 — 0 9 2
Pick-4 — 9 1 1 0
Encore — 7474047
Daily Keno — 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 19, 23, 30, 37, 39, 44, 48, 50, 53, 54, 56, 58, 64, 70.

Saturday, July 12, 2008
Lotto 6/49 — 15, 18, 19, 21, 24 & 35. Bonus 37.
Ontario 49 — 3, 4, 10, 22, 32 & 46. Bonus 29.
Lottario — 4, 9, 10, 16, 29, 32. Bonus 11.
Early Bird — 12, 20, 21 & 23.
Pick-3 — 6 7 9
Pick-4 — 6 4 3 4
Encore — 5288717
Daily Keno — 15, 18, 21, 25, 29, 31, 34, 35, 38, 39, 46, 52, 55, 56, 58, 60, 61, 63, 65, 66.

Sunday, July 13, 2008
Ontario Pick 3 — 6 1 6
Ontario Pick 4 — 6 2 7 3
Encore — 6682985
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Athletics

Dwain Chambers won the 100 metres at Britain's trials for the Beijing Games on Saturday, and is now relying on a judge to overturn his Olympic ban. He will be in court on Wednesday to try to get his lifetime ban lifted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beijing Games

Team shoots for gold

Women's soccer players getting ready for first appearance at Games

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

While members of Canada's women's soccer team say they're thrilled to be one of 12 teams taking part in the world's largest sporting event, their aspirations don't end with just participating.

From left: Kara Lang, Amy Walsh and Robyn Gayle race for the ball during a team practice in North Vancouver last week.

PHOTOS BY JEFF HODSON/METRO CANADA

Melissa Tancredi, left, and Emily Zurrer fight for the ball.

"We want to win gold," said Christine Sinclair, 25, of Burnaby, B.C. "To come home with a medal would be a good result for us. We know that we can beat any team in the world if we play well."

Canada, which is ranked ninth in the world in women's soccer, is making its first appearance at the Games since women's soccer was included in 1996.

Head coach Even Pellerud said the team, most of which has been in a national program residency in Vancouver for the past two years, has been steadily gearing up for tournament since qualifying April 12 with a victory over Mexico.

The team, he added, has played 18 or 19 international matches since January.

"You can train and train and train as much as you want," said Pellerud. "But if you cannot test it against the best teams in the world, you really are without answers."

Recently, Canada finished runner-up to the U.S., the top-ranked team in the world, at the 2008 Peace Queen Cup in Korea. Canada lost the hard-fought match 1-0, with the only goal coming in extra time.

The team, Pellerud said, has been to China a handful of times over the past couple years to prepare for Beijing's notoriously poor air quality.

The trips allowed coaches to see how different players reacted to the pollution and which players may need inhalers.

"We have played or trained in those conditions many times now; there should be no surprises for us," he said.

Sinclair added that all the teams will have to deal with the pollution. "It's going to be bad for everyone," she said.

"We know that we can beat any team in the world if we play well."
Christine Sinclair

Canada is in Group A and plays Argentina (ranked 27th), China (ranked 14th) and Sweden (ranked third).

"All of a sudden it's really close," said Kara Lang, 21, of Oakville. "There's an excitement in the air and a different level of intensity as it gets closer.

"It's something I've dreamed about since I was a little girl," she said. "For any athlete, it's the ultimate dream."

The team tied Brazil 1-1 in a friendly Thursday at BMO Field in Toronto prior to heading to Singapore to get acclimatized to the heat before the Olympics.

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Athletics
Double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius missed out in another attempt to qualify for the Olympics on Friday. The South African finished in 46.62 seconds. He needs to run a 45.55 to qualify for the event at the Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beijing Games countdown

Ronaldinho could break contract

SOCCER Ronaldinho will reportedly break his contract with FC Barcelona if need be to go to the Beijing Olympics.

Newspaper O Globo reported Saturday that the two-time FIFA player of the year will tell the Spanish club of his plans this week to help Brazil win its first Olympic gold medal.

No dog meat on Olympic menus

HEALTH Dog meat has been struck from the menus of officially designated Olympic restaurants during the Games, the Xinhua News Agency reports.

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Tomorrow's lineup

KEEPING QUIET If you're waiting for one of Canada's Olympians to take a stand on China's human-rights record, don't hold your breath. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

24 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Throwers getting out of shadows

Armstrong, Steacy hope to prove they deserve some of the limelight

Put Dylan Armstrong and Jim Steacy together and you're talking nearly 13 feet tall and more than 500 pounds of athlete, yet these guys are practically invisible at most track and field meets.

That's because they're Canadian throwers, an anonymous breed who during the Olympic track and field trials plied their skills beyond where the main action was taking place in University of Windsor stadium.

Armstrong is a shot putter, Steacy does the hammer throw and both easily qualified for the Beijing Olympics by winning their respective events. Armstrong's winning throw was 19.88 metres.

Together with javelin thrower Scott Russell of Windsor and women's hammer thrower Sultana Frizell of Perth, Ont., it gives Canada its largest throwing contingent for an Olympics in recent memory.

"Ancient times," head coach Les Gramantik said when asked the last time it had been that size.

These athletes are young and motivated, hoping to bring the throws to a level of prominence never before seen in this country.

"We're kind of like the new guard for the throws," said Steacy, 24, of Lethbridge, Alta.

Armstrong is ranked 10th in the world right now based on the Canadian record of 20.92 metres he set earlier this year. This guy is actually talking about going for the podium in Beijing, figuring it will take a throw of more than 21 metres to accomplish the feat.

"I've said it all year — that's what it's going to take to get a medal and get on the podium," said Armstrong. "I feel confident. Things are going good. We're right on track."

"We're kind of like the new guard for the throws."
Jim Steacy

Armstrong trains in Kamloops, B.C., under legendary coach Dr. Anatoly Bondarchuck, a former Olympic champion in the hammer who also coached fellow-Soviet world record holder Yuri Sedykh.

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Dylan Armstrong competes in the men's shot put at the Canadian track and field trials last Sunday in Windsor, Ont.

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Nitrogen 'dead zone'

Scientists predict that a massive "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico will grow to more than 26,000 square kilometres — half the size of Nova Scotia — this summer because of excess nitrogen in the water. SOURCE: DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION

Going Green

Emissions sources

Sources of personal greenhouse gas emissions in Canada, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha: Passenger road transport (49.9 per cent), space heating (28.7 per cent), water heating (11.1 per cent), appliances (7.5 per cent), lighting (2.4 per cent), space cooling (0.3 per cent) METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sailing into water problems

Algae blooms caused by excessive amounts of nitrogen from various sources

If you've been following news about the upcoming Beijing Olympic Games, you may have seen photos of thousands of workers trying to clean huge swaths of algae from the waters and beaches in co-host city Qingdao. The algae have proliferated more than one-third of waters where sailing events will be held.

This is not an unusual occurrence, but it is a symptom of an underlying problem with potential repercussions far more serious than hampering Olympic events or adding to the negative publicity surrounding China's Games. The blooms — along with a host of other problems — are caused by excessive amounts of nitrogen from sources such as road and industrial run-off, untreated sewage, and, most of all, fossil-fuel combustion and agricultural fertilizers.

Because it is a major component of proteins and the atmosphere, nitrogen is a vital element in the biosphere. In the soil, nitrogen stimulates growth in plants. We can "fix" nitrogen from the air into fertilizer in a process that takes a lot of heat from fossil fuels.

Applied on farmers' fields, this artificial fertilizer induces plant growth, but scientists believe this has resulted in nitrogen entering the Earth's soils at more than twice its natural rate. This ripples out from the land to affect freshwater and marine ecosystems. Besides giving Chinese Olympic organizers headaches, algal outbreaks have also contaminated drinking-water supplies used by millions of people.

Excess nitrogen can also disrupt or change plant-growth patterns (including contributing to the spread of invasive species), poison freshwater environments, deprive ocean ecosystems of the oxygen needed to support aquatic life, and even contribute to global warming.

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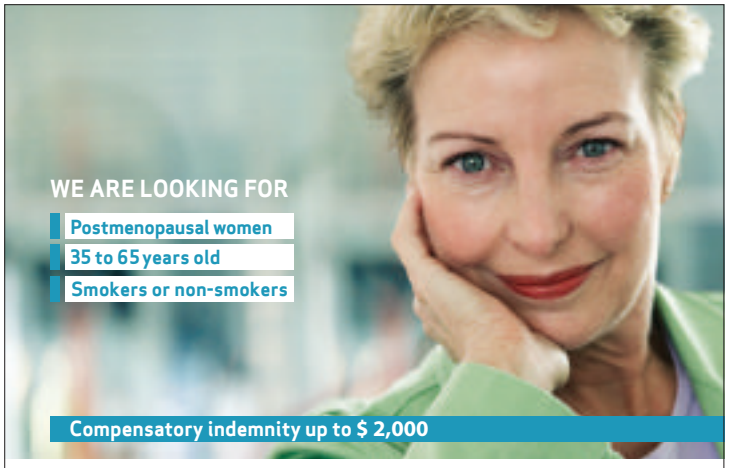
Because we know where much of the excess nitrogen in the environment comes from, we know how to reduce the levels.

First, we must cut back on fossil fuels. But we can also reduce our use of chemical fertilizers, in agriculture, on golf courses, and even in our own backyards. We may not be able fix the problem in time for the 2008 Olympics, but we need to get on it now, or we'll have far bigger problems to contend with than where to hold Olympic sailing events.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at *www.davidsuzuki.org*.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.



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Canadians dedicated to going green: Survey

Some Canadians are willing to go to extraordinary lengths in their commitment to environmental-friendliness.

In fact, the first TD Friends of the Environment Foundation "How Green Are You?" survey revealed that 2 per cent of Canadians even ended a relationship with someone who didn't care about the environment.

While most won't go to those extremes, when it comes to being environmentally responsible 96 per cent of Canadians give themselves a passing grade.

25 When asked to grade their environmental-friendliness, 25 per cent gave themselves an "A" and nearly 60 per cent gave themselves a "B." Only 2 per cent gave themselves an "F" and said they did not really care about the environment.

The survey also found:

- 94 per cent of Canadians report they recycle — 43 per cent recycle everything and 51 per cent recycle when convenient.
- 82 per cent of Canadians say they use reduced-energy light bulbs in their home.
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Coast-to-coast commitment

When it comes to going green, Canadians are truly committed to the cause.

Last September, the Vancouver Aquarium and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation hosted one of the largest coastal cleanups in the world: The annual TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.

More than 50,000 volunteers scoured nearly 1,800 kilometres of the country's shorelines to make our lakes, rivers and waterways cleaner, safer and more livable for people, plants and wildlife.

For your chance to be part of an activity that has a real, measurable effect on the environment, sign up by Aug. 31 for the 15th annual TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup being held Sept. 20-28 at hundreds of locations coast to coast.

To volunteer for a cleanup in your community including becoming a site co-ordinator, or to learn more about public drop-in locations, you can find out more at *www.vanaqua.org/cleanup*. NEWS CANADA

Shoreline litter

The amount of garbage recovered was staggering. When pooled together, these environmentally-conscious volunteers collected a whopping 87,000 kilograms of shoreline litter. Interesting finds included a waterlogged motorcycle, a hotel safe and a wheelchair.

They shouldn't have to live with our garbage.

Join the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

Help thousands of Canadians from coast to coast as we clean the shores of our ponds, streams, rivers, lakes and oceans between September 20 and 28, 2008.

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Justice has a new name in B.C.

The Justice Institute of B.C. is renaming a new building after philanthropist Dr. Donald Rix, who had made a $1-million donation to the school. The Dr. Donald Rix Public Safety Simulation Building provides simulation training to justice and public professionals. METRO

Workology

Award for Ryerson

Ryerson University Library picked up a Be Innovative! award from the Innovative Users Group recently. The library won first place in the Most Innovative Patron Services category for its Facebook application, which allows users to search the library catalogue. METRO

Best friends bring business into mix

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Television producers Connie Contardi and Jocelyn Mercer are proof positive that sometimes best friends make the best business partners.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

Jocelyn Mercer, left, with Connie Contardi are best friends and business partners, which paid off with Mr. Friday.

The two ambitious 28-year-olds, who just hit the big time with their reality show Mr. Friday premiering on the Slice network this month, finish each other's sentences and share plenty of hearty guffaws in the Toronto production office of their company, CJ Mercon Productions. Mercer explains the key to staying grounded is keeping sight of the bigger picture.

"No matter what we go through as partners, we do it because we want to, not because we have to," Mercer said.

Contardi and Mercer both agree having similar tastes goes a long way to making it easy to work together.

"Nine out of 10 times we're creatively on the same page — we tend to gravitate towards the same ideas and concepts," Contardi said.

Laughing at the same jokes or enjoying the same movies creates a powerful connection that carries over to their work, Contardi says. For Mercer, that's one advantage friends have in the work environment — they are already inclined to work well together.

"We both really respect each other and trust each other so we find a way to work it out. At the end of the day the most important thing to us is our friendship," Mercer said.

Appropriately, their show Mr. Friday was born out of friendship as well. Derek Friday, the star of the reality show about a rich kid who trades lives with working-class people for a day, is a longtime friend of Mercer's. She got the idea for the show by seeing Friday's glamorous life as a model and trust-fund baby living off his parents' considerable wealth. When his mother threatened to take away Friday's fortune unless he took pains to learn the value of honest, hard work, Mercer knew she and Contardi had a killer premise for a show. Contardi describes it as "a cooler, hipper Dirty Jobs" with an uplifting turn since while Friday gets down and dirty in jobs at the zoo, a kick-boxing gym or cleaning ditches, the lucky "swapee" gets pampered in luxury for a day.

Slice ordered 13 episodes for the series and the show's production was made possible by a partnership with experienced production house Temple Street Productions. Now Contardi and Mercer are already hungrily pursuing new show ideas. Their brainstorm sessions benefit from the zany sense of humour they share.

"We love to have fun and act like we're 10. We're both very impatient and driven and we like to think big." Mercer said.

Mercer and Contardi also say being able to pursue a career alongside a best friend is its own reward.

"To get to share the success you've had with somebody you love is really what life is all about," Mercer said.

married to work

Both women admit they spend almost every waking moment working and coming up with new ideas — they even bought each other symbolic engagement rings since they're so "married" to their work.

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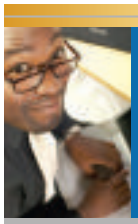
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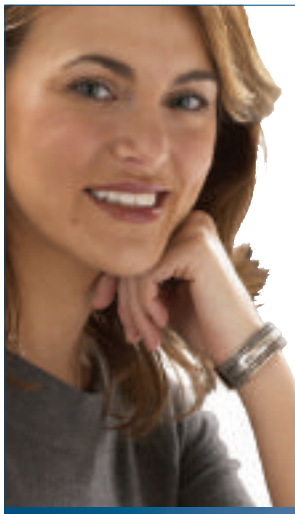

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Entertainment

Fancy pants

Former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham's plans to launch a men's line of her jeans collection have been put on hold after retailers were unwilling to stock it. THE DAILY MAIL

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

Hellboy II tops the box office.

1. **Hellboy II: The Golden Army:** $35.9 million US
2. **Hancock:** $33 million
3. **Journey To The Center Of The Earth:** $20.6 million
4. **WALL-E:** $18.5 million
5. **Wanted:** $11.6 million
6. **Get Smart:** $7.1 million
7. **Meet Dave:** $5.3 million
8. **Kung Fu Panda:** $4.3 million
9. **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl:** $2.5 million
10. **Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull:** $2.3 million

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Ex-Hollywood Madam hit with felony drug charge

Heidi Fleiss

PEOPLE Former Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss is facing felony drug use and possession charges stemming from a February traffic stop in the rural Nevada town where she lives.

The Nye County district attorney filed a two-count complaint accusing the 42-year-old of unlawful use of methamphetamine and possession of the painkiller hydrocodone without a prescription. Fleiss told the Las Vegas Review-Journal she has "a bit of a substance abuse problem" and said she intends to seek private treatment.

Prosecutors say it took almost five months to process Fleiss' blood test results after her arrest on a driving under the influence charge that prosecutors decided not to pursue.

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In brief

MOVIES Get ready for more cosmos and screaming women, *ew.com* reports. After months of talk, HBO has confirmed that a sequel to the Sex And The City movie is in the early stages of development — no surprise, considering the first spin-off from the series has earned $146 million US since it debuted in theatres at the end of May.

CASTING Jason Priestley has refuted reports he will be returning to Beverly Hills, 90210 in the new spin-off series, *imdb.com* reports. Filming is currently underway to bring the program back to small screens. But Priestley, who played Brandon Walsh, insists he has declined offers from network CW to appear in the new show.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

The case against Bush

Author argues U.S. president can be charged with murder

After having three of his books reach No. 1 on the New York Times bestsellers list, Vincent Bugliosi was dismayed his latest received a virtual "blackout" from the mainstream media.

That's because The Prosecution Of George W. Bush For Murder lays out the legal case — citing evidence and establishing the jurisdiction of U.S. prosecutors — to seek an indictment against America's 43rd chief executive for the deaths of more than 4,000 U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

Bugliosi, whose 11 books include true-crime stories Helter Skelter and Outrage, said the usual routine once a new book was released has been to fly to New York for a host of national television interviews.

"For this one, I did not go to New York City because not one single national television or cable show would have me on. It was a total, complete blackout. My publicist said that in her over 30 years in the business, she had never seen a book blacked out like this before," Bugliosi, 73, said in an interview.

ABC Radio even turned down his publisher's effort to buy time on the network. Worse, his publisher couldn't find a U.S. company willing to produce an audio version of the book.

When filmmaker David Burke sought to do a documentary based on the book, not a single U.S. investor could be found. It was left to Jim Shaban, an entrepreneur in Windsor, Ont., to bankroll the project, which is nearing completion.

Peter Miller, Bugliosi's longtime literary manager and executive producer of the documentary, said the difficulty in finding a publisher and the subsequent reaction by the mainstream media should never have happened, considering that Bugliosi is among the most famous former prosecutors in the U.S. "He's not just some left-wing nut. But there were a lot of publishers who were just plain scared of it," Miller said.

Vanguard Press publisher Roger Cooper said he expected some reluctance from the media when it was released six months ago, because of the book's "controversial" nature.

Despite the lack of coverage, The Prosecution Of George W. Bush For Murder has been on the Times bestsellers list for the past five weeks. But Cooper said it only got there through unconventional means — a word-of-mouth "grassroots" campaign, an Internet advertising effort by Vanguard and Bugliosi's pugnacious determination.

"Without any television or national radio coverage, the book managed to climb up the bestsellers list and be talked about in a 'viral' way that I think is one of the new ways that we have to look at publishing books," Cooper said.

A story in The New York Times last week about the book's poor reception finally prompted CNN and MSNBC to talk to Bugliosi.

Bugliosi said he means every word of his carefully researched tome and hopes a U.S. prosecutor will have the courage to seek an indictment when Bush leaves office next year. "It's certainly the most powerful, explosive true-crime book I've ever written. It's identical to every other true-crime book I've ever written, in that I present the evidence, plus the applicable law, to prove my point," Bugliosi said.

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In his latest book, author Vincent Bugliosi makes a legal case for the prosecution of U.S. President George W. Bush.

Legal case for prosecution

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Singer Katy Perry has defended her beau, Gym Class Heroes front man Travis McCoy, who was arrested recently for third-degree assault after allegedly striking an audience member in the head with his mike. "There are definitely two sides to every story and you always have to take (that) into account," Perry said. USMAGAZINE.COM

McKellen reveals past death threats

SPEAKING OUT Lord Of The Rings star Sir Ian McKellen says he has received death threats in the past because of his sexuality, BBC News Online reports.

Speaking on the BBC's Andrew Marr Show, the actor, who came out in 1988, said the number of threats had "declined considerably" in recent years.

"I think I've become rather boring to the public at large on this particular issue," he said.

McKellen is supporting gay U.S. bishop Gene Robinson, who has been excluded from an Anglican Church convention. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Spike Lee steps up to Broadway

THEATRE U.S. director Spike Lee is planning to make a film of the award-winning Broadway musical Passing Strange, BBC News Online reports. Lee, known for movies such as Malcolm X and Do The Right Thing, will film the production on July 19, along with two more performances without audiences. The musical then ends its run in New York the next day. It tells the tale of a young man's journey through sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Brolin among 7 arrested men

BAR FIGHT Police say actors Josh Brolin and Jeffrey Wright, along with members of a crew filming an Oliver Stone movie, were arrested during a bar fight in Shreveport, La. Police say Brolin, Wright and five others were arrested just after 2 a.m. Saturday at the Stray Cat bar. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The substance behind various wallpaper styles

InteriorDivine

Last week, in our two-part paint and paper guide, we covered paint so, by clever deduction, that means this week we're focusing on wallpaper.

Constantly heralded as "on the way back," we're going to focus less on what's hot and what's not, and turn our attention instead to paper types. The following should help:

Lining Paper:

Comes in several gauges and is an effective way to even bumpy surfaces. The thicker the paper the more problems it will conceal. Designed to be painted or papered over with your final choice of finish.

Vinyl and vinyl backed:

Great for kitchens and bathrooms as both are washable and water-resistant.

Paintable plain wallpaper:

Comes in a variety of imprinted textures and, again, great for covering irregular walls. Can be painted to suit your scheme.

Foils:

These are available in a wide variety of choices (from retro to modern) and due to their construction are often water resistant.

Flocked wallpaper:

While interesting, these are subject to fashion flux and also hard to clean. Good in low-traffic areas where they'll attract less dust. We tend to limit applications to "accent walls." Tip: Pick out a background colour (or a softer tone thereof) for other walls.

Wood chip:

Torture to remove, so be warned! Dated and really only good to cover especially rough surfaces.

Relief:

Press printed with a raised pattern and available in loads of designs. Some have their own colour scheme while others are designed to be painted. Easy to hang and, like woodchip, will disguise surface imperfections due to "raised" nature.

Colin & Justin's The Home Show airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m., Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. ET on HGTV. www.hgtv.ca

Wallpaper is available in a multitude of looks and textures.

top 10 wallpaper tips

1. Think twice and buy once! Head to your supplier and sign out pattern books to see how each paper looks.
2. Get tooled up! Assemble sharp scissors, plumb "drop cord," a pasting table, a large brush and sponges to wipe down after each strip has been hung.
3. Small floral designs, from our experience, date more quickly so exercise caution when choosing.
4. Be careful with outsized designs and motifs — these are best in generous spaces. Bigger repeats can shrink smaller spaces.
5. Stripe strife! Many rooms aren't completely square, so striped paper may not line up with doors and trim. Use a spirit level to analyze your room and adjust paper accordingly.
6. For hallways and high traffic zones, opt for patterned washable wallpaper to disguise finger prints and scuffs.
7. Look for "paste the wall" papers. As the name suggests, adhesive is applied directly to the wall as opposed to the paper. Cuts out lots of work!
8. While hanging, rub a lightly dampened sponge across paper to remove surplus adhesive that would otherwise detract from finished results.
9. To ensure you don't run out, overbuy and — with prior agreement — return unopened rolls.
10. Buy paper with the same "batch number" to ensure shading is identical throughout your project.

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Casting TNT has added Scott Bakula, right, to the cast of Men Of A Certain Age. Joining Ray Romano and Andre Braugher in the drama pilot about three old college buddies, Bakula will play Terry Elliott, an actor dating a much younger woman. TVGUIDE.COM

Grey's 'Izzie' on life support?

IntelleVision

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IN CRITICAL CONDITION: Nothing perks up ratings — at least for a week or two, usually timed to coincide with sweeps week — than a death in the family. After her very public protest about the quality of the scripts she's been getting on Grey's Anatomy — manifested by taking herself out of the running for an Emmy nomination — Katherine Heigl has apparently put herself on life support, according to an E! Online story.

"It's not good there," a source told the E! reporter, talking about the Grey's Anatomy set. "Shonda is pissed. They're thinking of killing her off. They want Izzie dead."

Grey's creator Shonda Rhimes is, we're meant to understand, miffed about Heigl's protest, and is considering the exit of Dr. Isobel "Izzie" Stevens, her character, possibly during an outbreak of Ebola at Seattle Grace, or in a tragic blender accident.

Heigl's career has migrated from the small to the large screen with movies like Knocked Up and 27 Dresses, so it's not unfair to imagine that her Emmy rebuff was simply a calculated attempt to slip the bonds of whatever contract she might have with Rhimes and Grey's producers.

Tellingly, the E! story dutifully reported the sort of ritual exchange that inevitably suggest that the gears are grinding away while pretending otherwise:

"A rep for Rhimes said, 'I haven't heard anything about that.' Reps for Heigl and ABC declined to comment."

In Hollywood, if someone declines to comment about you, it means you should start packing — or running.

HB-WOE: HBO was the network that made quality cable, but that's two whole seasons and a hundred cultural years in the past, so it's about time for the network to make some concrete moves toward redemption before it's choking in the dust that FX, Showtime and AMC — AMC! Who could have seen that in an age before Mad Men? — is kicking up as they tear across the TV salt flats.

Actress Katherine Heigl plays Dr. Isobel "Izzie" Stevens in Grey's Anatomy.

A Hollywood Reporter story last week announced three new shows from the network — Treme, a drama set in post-Katrina New Orleans from The Wire's David Simon and Eric Overmeyer; The Washingtonienne, a comedy based on a recent sex scandal in the U.S. capitol to be executive produced by Sarah Jessica Parker; and a drama set in '20s Atlantic City from Martin Scorsese and Sopranos writer Terrence Winter.

The network also confirmed that — act shocked — the proposed pair of Deadwood movies aren't happening, but they'd be — OK, make the "duh" face here — real happy to see a Sopranos movie or a Sex And The City 2.

And while we're at it, can celery taste like barbecue chips and puppies stay little forever?

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	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	eTalk	Scott Baio 46	Old Skool	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		eTalk
	553	546	65	TRE	Wonder Pets	Nght Grdn	The Wiggles	Franklin	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren. Bears
	115	711	101	TVA	Qui perd gagne (SC)		Laura Cadieux	Histoires-filles	Monk "Monk a un ami" (SC)		TVA 22 heures	Juste pour rire	Sucré-salé
	126	730	102	RDI	RDI en direct	400 fois Qué	Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249	CLT	The West Wing "Liftoff"		For King and Empire		Decoding the Past		Traders		The West Wing
	300	601	301	M1	Stargate Atlantis		Stargate Atlantis (N)		Californication	Californication	Penn & Teller	This Am. Life	The Business
	305	612	306	PIX	Babar: King		(7:20) White Lies (1998, Drama)		Do the Right Thing ★★★ (1989, Drama) Danny Aiello.				Crosswinds

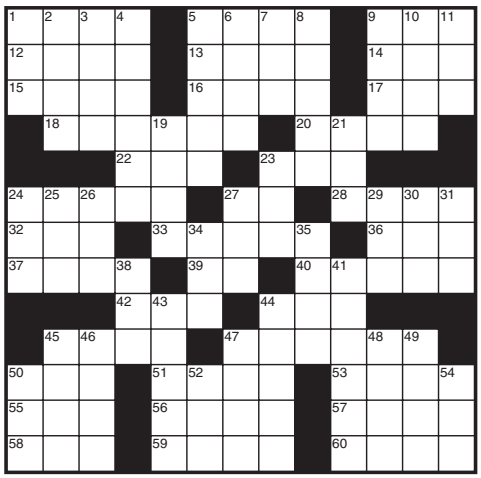
critics'corner

Drumline
Not just for former band geeks (you know who you are), this feel-good 2002 drama follows a gifted drummer (Nick Cannon) from Harlem who becomes a member of a college marching band. He must overcome his self-doubts to help the rest of his musical team succeed. Has someone been reading your yearbooks, band geeks? Orlando Jones, Zoe Saldana and Leonard Roberts also star. 8 PM on BVO

Do the Right Thing
The film that put director Spike Lee on the map, this 1989 social commentary focuses on one summer day in Brooklyn. Everybody's testy from the heat, and the ethnic and racial tensions escalate into one giant explosion. Ossie Davis, Lee, Ruby Dee, Danny Aiello, John Turturro, Rosie Perez and Samuel L. Jackson star. 9 PM on PIX

Generous tipping Actor Martin Lawrence, left, left a $120 US tip at Musashi Japanese restaurant in Simi Valley, Calif., after dining there with two other guests and drawing a bill of $140. TMZ.COM

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Auction shout
5 Outfitted
9 You can — that again!
12 Kind of molding
13 Office assistant
14 Ostrich cousin
15 Spill the beans
16 Yield, as territory
17 Fine (hyph.)
18 Memorable times
20 Brunette
22 No, to a lassie
23 Lisper's problem
24 Bubbletops
27 Librarian's warning
28 Camel feature
32 Mouths, in zoology
33 Bank job
36 Ms. Farrow of films
37 Young horse
39 Chicago Cubs org.
40 Got the news
42 — take forever!
44 Jaunty cap
45 Marina sight
47 Pineapple source
50 Average
51 Four quarters
53 Run in neutral
55 "Exodus" hero
56 Roman poet
57 Sly glance
58 Trail behind
59 Not any
60 Get smart with

Crossword down

1 Express grief
2 Gawk at
3 Vault
4 Prepare fish, in a way
5 Secret store
6 Is situated
7 Do arithmetic
8 Legal papers
9 Char
10 Out of control
11 — it up (have some laughs)
19 Hard money
21 Pale blond
23 Codgers' queries
24 MD, familiarly
25 Incan treasure
26 "Bien" opposite
27 RSVP word
29 Emma in The Avengers
30 Old space station
31 Waterlily leaf
34 Draw to a close
35 Warm spell in winter
38 — Maria
41 PC messages (hyph.)
43 Author of The Other
44 Overdue
45 Ms. Teasdale
46 Stuffed shirt
47 All mammals have it
48 Game plan
49 Seine vistas
50 Friend
52 A Gabor sister
54 Pause fillers

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previous day's answer

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A fantasy about love will cause gloomy dreams. You'll be picking up the pieces after a magical experience. Someone is acting frenzied.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
As soon as you let go, plans will take shape. Political talk causes a quarrel. Someone makes a heartfelt confession.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Use your mind to find independence. Weather conditions cause a conflict. A breathtaking lesson is learned.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A protester ridicules shrewdness. Be good-natured even with a grouch. You'll benefit from casting off your inhibitions.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone is pretending that all is well. You must ignore an appalling deed. A man comes in handy when a problem arises.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Running wild dispels tedium. An elder makes accusations. Nobody wants to help out a sad person, except you.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You'll find a pattern amidst chaos. You'll overhear someone's rowdy plans. There will be dreams about wrongdoing.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24- NOV 22
Ignore the failures of the past. Try harder to please yourself. Someone is playing around with double-talk.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23- DEC 21
A dreadful drama is discovered by a hypocrite. A conflict over a miscalculation ends well. Don't fret about a crook.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You can excite someone by making a call. The cause of a disturbance is exposed. Astonishing messages are due to arrive.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Everything will work out for the best. The good life will get better. You'll witness a quick withdrawal after an arrogant remark.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MAR 20
Gossip comes and goes while meaning nothing. Stick to the facts just for a laugh. Prepare for work to compete with romance.

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4	1	8		2	3			

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

3	1	9	5	6	7	2	8	4
5	4	2	8	9	3	7	1	6
7	6	8	4	1	2	5	9	3
1	8	3	7	4	6	9	2	5
2	9	5	3	8	1	6	4	7
4	7	6	9	2	5	8	3	1
6	3	1	2	7	9	4	5	8
8	2	7	1	5	4	3	6	9
9	5	4	6	3	8	1	7	2

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

Toronto weather

Afternoon	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Showers. 24°	Partly cloudy. 14°	Sunny. 28°/ 18°	Partly cloudy. 30°/ 21°	40% Showers. 32°/ 20°

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Low: 7.8°/1950

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Moonrise: 6:37 p.m.

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Couplings The Rolling Stones' Ronnie Wood has reportedly run off with an 18-year-old cocktail waitress he met at an escort bar three months ago. Ekaterina Ivanova is said to be telling friends she is linked to the 61-year-old guitarist and falling in love. TMZ.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Jolie good: It's a boy, girl

TWINS Brad Pitt was at Angelina Jolie's side as she gave birth to a son and daughter Saturday at La Fondation Lenval hospital in Nice, France, People has confirmed.

"The babies are doing well. The operation went just perfectly," Dr. Michael Sussmann told People yesterday. "Angelina is in very good spirits. Brad Pitt was at her side. He was there and all was well." Sussmann confirmed the Nice Matin newspaper report that Jolie gave birth to a boy, Knox Leon, and a girl, Vivienne Marcheline, by caesarean section on Saturday night. Knox weighed 5.03 lbs, and Vivienne 5 lbs.

The twins are the fifth and sixth children for Jolie, 33, and partner Brad Pitt, 44, who are already parents to Maddox, 6, Pax, 4, Zahara, 3, and Shiloh, 2. "The mother and father are very, very happy," Sussmann said.

He said the caesarean was moved forward "for medical reasons" so the babies could be born "in the best conditions." He also said Jolie is expected to stay in the hospital for a few days.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Local reunion for A-Rod, daughter

VISIT Alex Rodriguez, who was in Toronto with the Yankees for a three-game weekend set against the Blue Jays, was reunited with his wife Cynthia (right) and his older daughter Natasha on Friday, where the trio dined at a downtown steakhouse. Last week, Cynthia Rodriguez filed for divorce amid rumours of an affair between Alex and Madonna. "Alex and Cynthia are going through really difficult times," A-Rod's attorney Alan Kluger tells Us magazine. "All of their decisions are going to be based upon what's in the best interest of their daughters."

A source told *Usmagazine.com* the couple's other child, 11-week-old Ella, stayed home with an ear infection.

"It's not a great idea for (Ella) to fly," says the source. "But the older daughter was in Toronto with him this weekend. She flew there with her mom."

Cynthia Rodriguez told the New York Post Thursday that her family is "devastated" by their split.

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'I'm over it': Ifans on Sienna Miller

BREAKUP Actor Rhys Ifans is ready to move on with his life after splitting from Sienna Miller. He tells Britain's The People newspaper, "I've forgotten about Sienna, trust me. F**k Sienna, I'm over it. I'm having a great time. I won't be going for any more wrong 'uns (ones) though."

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celebrity brief

Roberts to guest star on 24 alongside ex?

TELEVISION She left him at the altar in 1991 and took up with his best friend Jason Patric, but according to *starmagazine.com*, Julia Roberts is finally making it up to Kiefer Sutherland — by making a rare TV appearance on his hit show 24.

Amid rumours that this season may be super agent Jack Bauer's last, Sutherland wants to go out with a bang by nabbing big stars like Roberts, says an insider.

The ex-lovers have remained in touch despite their history. Says the insider, "I wouldn't say they're BFFs, but they are friends."

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Alba didn't like pregnancy weight

MOTHERHOOD In the August U.K. edition of Cosmopolitan, Jessica Alba gets real about her pregnancy, admitting that she didn't exactly love the weight gain that came with it. "I never felt less sexy," Jessica tells the magazine. "I mean, I wouldn't have changed it for the world ... but I wanted to get rid of all the weight."

Alba gave birth to daughter Honor Marie last month.

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celebrity brief

Keys front-runner for Bond theme

SOUNDTRACK Alicia Keys is being eyed as the front-runner to sing the title track for the new James Bond movie Quantum Of Solace. According to E! News, Alicia faced some stiff competition, including Beyoncé, Duran Duran and Annie Lennox. Nothing's official yet, but a source tells E!, "I believe Alicia is the winner."

The next 007 feature is headed for theatres in November.

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